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METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CONTROLLING
COMMUNICATION NETWORK AND ROUTER
USED IN THE NETWORK

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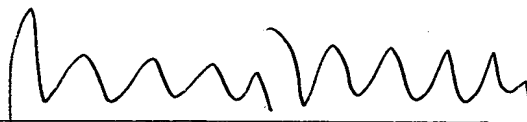
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